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FOR: Mr. Richard V. Allen
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Jawad F. George

DATE: June 11, 1981 SUBJECT: Opposes Israeli air raid on nuclear reactor in Baghdad and requests mtg. with President.

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 6/24/81 NSC #

____ THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

____ A draft reply is attached

____ A draft reply will be forwarded

____ A translation is attached

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____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below

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Executive Secretary

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

July 22, 1981

Mr. Jawad F. George
Federation President
American Federation of
Ramallah, Palestine
P.O. Box 2422
Livonia, Michigan 48150

Dear Mr. George:

I am replying to your message to President Reagan concerning the June 7 Israeli air attack on the nuclear reactor under construction in Tuwaitha, Iraq.

On June 8, the Department Spokesman condemned the Israeli air strike, noting that the unprecedented character of this action would seriously add to the already tense situation in the area and complicate our efforts to peacefully resolve problems there. The United States was not consulted in any way about any phase of the operation and was not informed of it in advance.

On June 10, the President suspended the scheduled delivery of four F-16 aircraft to Israel pending further study of the Israeli action and consultations with Congress. That same day, pursuant to Section 3 of the Arms Export Control Act, Secretary Haig sent letters to the Chairmen of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees indicating that a substantial violation of the 1952 U.S.-Israel Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement may have occurred. That agreement includes Israel's assurance that weapons acquired from the United States will be used only to maintain its internal security, its legitimate self-defense, or to permit it to participate in regional or United Nations (U.N.) collective security arrangements and measures. It also provides that Israel will not undertake any act of aggression against any other state. Israel has confirmed that the Israeli Air Force units involved in the air strike were equipped with defense articles furnished by the United States under the Foreign Military Sales program.

On June 19, the United States voted for U.N. Security Council Resolution 487 condemning the Israeli attack, making clear our profound concern about the raid's impact on the peace and security of all the nations of the Middle East.

We are reviewing this entire matter and discussing it with the Government of Israel. Neither our condemnation nor the suspension of delivery of the four aircraft is meant to

imply that we have reached any determination on the questions raised under U.S. law by Israel's act.

We have carefully noted the Israeli and Iraqi positions. Israel contends that its action against Iraq was a necessary, legitimate act of self-defense because the Iraqi reactor was intended to produce weapons grade material to make atomic bombs. Israel also points out that there is a state of war between the two countries and contends that Iraq had made clear its intention to produce such a weapon for use against Israel.

Iraq, on the other hand, denies that its nuclear program has any application other than the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Iraq points out that it has ratified the Non-Proliferation Treaty and that its reactor and supply of enriched uranium were subject to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguard controls.

The United States does not believe that force can provide the answer to international disputes. Our condemnation of Israel's action was intended to clearly express this view. At the same time, as Ambassador Kirkpatrick made clear before the U.N. Security Council, we remain fully committed to the security and well-being of Israel and to the friendship between our two countries. The United States will continue to do all in its power to achieve a just and lasting peace for all the peoples of the Middle East.

Should you want to discuss this matter, I or an appropriate member of my staff would be pleased to meet with you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Statement on Israeli Raid

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION.

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 11, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. JAWAD F. GEORGE
FEDERATION PRESIDENT
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF RAMALLAH,
PALESTINE
POST OFFICE BOX 2422
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SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE ISRAELI AIR STRIKE AGAINST THE OSIRAK NUCLEAR REACTOR LOCATED NEAR BAGHDAD, IRAQ; REQUESTS A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING THE SOURCES OF THEIR CONCERN

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL — IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:
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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Words cannot begin to express our shock, chagrin, and condemnation of the unprecedented Israeli air strike against the Osirak nuclear reactor located near Baghdad, Iraq.

In its irresponsible attack, Israel reportedly employed F15 and F4 Phantom jets supplied by the United States. This attack, unprecedented in character, constitutes a clear and unequivocal violation of the Arms Export Control Act and the 1952 mutual defense assistance agreement between Israel and the United States. The provisions of these laws mandate that all military aid to Israel by the United States be immediately suspended.

The Israeli air attack on the Osirak nuclear installation not only complicates the peace-keeping mission of Philip C. Habib, but also handicaps broader efforts by your Administration to promote Arab-Israeli peace. As descendants of the original inhabitants of Ramallah, Palestine, located on the West Bank of the Jordan River, and as American citizens, we urge you to immediately order an arms embargo against Israel. Only through this severe, yet legally and morally mandated action, will the increasingly bellicose and reckless misconduct of the State of Israel be controlled.

The provisions of the above-referenced laws have been enforced against other violators. In December, 1974, military aid to Turkey was halted because of the Congressional determination that the Arms Export Control Act had been violated by Turkish use of American arms in its invasion of Cypress. Subsequent to Turkey's invasion of Cypress, Congress amended the Arms Export Control Act, requiring that the President promptly report to Congress any violations of arms agreements.

In 1952, the United States and Israel signed a mutual defense assistance agreement. In this agreement, Israel warrants that all equipment and material supplied by the United States

> "are required for and will be used solely to maintain its internal security, its legitimate self-defense, or to permit it to participate in the defense of the area of which it is a part, or in the United Nations collective arrangement and measures, and that it will not undertake any act of aggression against any other state."
> (emphasis supplied)

The Israeli air strike against Iraq is an undeniable and unconscionable active aggression which violates both the provisions of the agreement and the spirit with which these arms were supplied to Israel.

Under the provisions of the Arms Export Control Act, foreign military assistance should cease once the country utilizes American arms "in substantial violation (either in terms of quantities or in terms of the gravity of the consequences regardless of the quantities involved) of any agreement entered into."

These laws unequivocably require that you take the initiative in suspending all military aid to Israel. The American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine is an organization composed of 25,000 American citizens who trace their lineage to the town of Ramallah, located on the West Bank of the Jordan River. This area is currently occupied by the State of Israel. The members of the Federation are taxpaying American citizens residing in several states. As such, they have been repeatedly dismayed at the reluctance of your predecessors and the Congress to enforce restrictions on Israel's use of American arms.

As taxpaying, voting American citizens, we urge you to enforce the laws of the United States uniformly and fairly. As Palestinian Arab-Americans, whose roots can be traced back for centuries to the Middle East, we implore you to do what no other President has done: to apply the same rules of conduct to Israel which are applied to other recipients of United States military aid. Both the laws of the United States and the moral code upon which our great nation was founded require that you suspend all further military aid to Israel and move for Israel's censure in the United Nations.

We would be delighted to meet with you or your representative at a mutually convenient time regarding the sources of our concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Jawad F. George

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